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Gentlemen:

I believe that the prosperity America has experienced in the last decade has more to do with work force productivity improvement than any government initiated, sponsored or controlled activity or program including any and all bills that were passed in Congress during the last 15 years.

The primary basis of that productivity improvement was the desk top computer and the amazing software that was developed to go with the PC. Whether Microsoft is guilty of breaking any law is well beyond my understanding, but I am opposed to any settlement or penalty that would have the effect of forcing Microsoft to give away it's "secret ingredients" or harm its corporate structure in any way.

If laws were broken, then invoke financial penalties with the threat of further prosecution in the event any laws are broken in the future. Do not dismantle one of America's most important economic engines - especially at this critical time.

Sincerely,  
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